

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1266
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Stuart Wood upon his selection as Junior Achievement Hall of Fame 2004 Laureate.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Stuart Wood, who has recently been chosen as a 2004 Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Laureate; and

WHEREAS, an astute businessman in the Tri-Cities area, Mr. Wood began cultivating his keen business skills and strong work ethic at a young age beginning with selling cherries, then selling eggs, glue and Grit newspapers, mowing yards, working as a skate boy at the local skating rink, delivering newspapers, spending summers working at the machine shop, and running routes for the industrial laundry owned by his aunt and uncle; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating high school, Mr. Wood began his college matriculation at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and transferred to East Tennessee State University (ETSU) after two years; and

WHEREAS, during his studies at ETSU, Mr. Wood attended classes during the day and worked at Kern's Bakery at night; and

WHEREAS, after completing his time at ETSU, Mr. Wood spent six years in the United States Army, serving part of that time in active duty and part in the Reserves, thus joining with the ranks of the brave men and women who have defended our freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to the civilian workforce, Mr. Wood served as an astute employee of General Electric, a job which resulted in his relocation from Kingsport to Knoxville and then to Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, after spending five years in Atlanta, Mr. Wood returned to Kingsport and took a job with Anheuser-Busch Bakery Products for a year and then with the Holston Distributing Company; and

WHEREAS, soon after joining with the Holston Distributing Company, Mr. Wood purchased a mobile home sales lot in Bristol and later expanded the business to Kingsport and Pennington Gap, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Wood took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the Holston Distributing Company and later started another companion company, Warehouse Central, a commercial food-grade warehouse; and

WHEREAS, throughout his success as a business owner, Mr. Wood has still found time to lend his remarkable talents to ETSU; the wholesale panel of Anheuser-Busch as a member and as Chair; numerous local boards including the Johnson City Planning Commission, the National Beer Wholesalers Board, the Tennessee Malt Beverage Board, the Millennium Center Board, and the Johnson City Development Authority; and he has served as Chair of the Power Board, the Economic Development Board, the Senior Center Advisory Committee, Northeast State Technical Community College Foundation, and the University Foundation at ETSU; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood has also served the people of Tennessee as the Commissioner of Wildlife for three years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous accomplishments and community involvement, Mr. Wood has been an active part of the Junior Achievement (JA) program, both in Atlanta and in the Tri-Cities; his involvement in JA has enabled him to provide encouragement and inspiration to the young business leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his family; he is most proud of his children, Frank, who is a Vice President and General

Manager of one of Mr. Wood's companies, and Meredith, who is a talented dancer and has traveled throughout the world appearing in the opening ceremonies of the Olympics in Barcelona and performing on an NBA dance team in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood is also the loving grandfather of two granddaughters, Shelby and Emma; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Wood upon his recent achievement and for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Stuart Wood for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him upon his selection as Junior Achievement Hall of Fame 2004 Laureate, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.